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"They will still operate money from the bottom, most of whom are poor, and subsidize the interests of politicians and operators. It's loaded before we even start," Jackson said, adding, "Of course they will argue that its operation is different from justing, but they cannot fool the

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# House can ask DFA to cancel Garci passport – Miriam

By TJ Banzon

AGF programs up hopes Filipino exiles would soon be repatriated to the country.

Automatically then, House Delapio-Santiago committee suggested that the House of Representatives itself support the Department of Foreign Affairs to cancel the passport of the former dictator-imposed leader.

Santiago, a former trial court judge and law professor, said the House could make the request to the DFA under the so-called "late-deportation remedy" doctrine and expect favorable results.

"What can be done is, by the House of Representatives is to

request to the secretary of foreign affairs to cancel the passport on the ground that he's living a contemptuous life," she told reporters.

The late-deportation remedy is a doctrine under which one branch of government can make a request to another branch, and the latter is to often morally obliged to grant the request, according to the senator.

When awarded about 100 years ago, it could not constitutionally cancel Garci's passport, Santiago said. "Remember that day, being in the executive branch and the House of Representatives belongs to a co-equal branch."

TJ just prophesying this it

would become feasible or possible if the House makes this request and all what is called late-deportation remedy," she added.

Foreign affairs officials had consistently scoffed Senate 10, every under Aquino President Jr.'s suggestion that it cancel Garci's travel documents to facilitate his repatriation to Manila.

They maintained that they could only void a passport if the holder was charged with, or convicted of a crime, or the document itself was tainted.

Garci, who was accused of conspiring with President Macapagal's forces to assassinate the leader of last year's pro-democracy, slipped out of the

country for Singapore on July 14 and for an unknown destination the next day.

The House, which looked into the passport case last year but was brought and issued a warrant for his arrest after he landed in Hong Kong.

House President Franklin Drilon, a former justice secretary, said that the country could request UN help in tracking down Garci, as the basis of the 1948 United Nations Treaty (M-47).

"The treaty is broad enough to include violation of human laws, which is what is in issue," he said, citing President.

Santiago and Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, however, disagreed, say-

ing such a request would not fall under the scope of the treaty because Garci's case is not a human rights case.

"It would not fall under the scope of the treaty because he's not a fugitive from justice at this time. At worst, he's only a fugitive from a contempt situation and generally, he's a contempt situation is contained here, actual penalty the contempt is to be a person to explain why he was unable to comply with the order of the senate committee," Santiago said.

TJ said that that request would not be granted by the American government for fear that it might set a precedent with respect to all other countries in

the world. They won't be able to afford to do that.

Enrile argued that Garci's case was "not a human rights issue" and hence, could not "be used against anybody who will arrest or charge him or anything like that in other jurisdictions."

"The constitution is one of the Philippines, that is not negotiable in other countries. It is one in every respect. What is there that is making the existence of other governments?" he said.

Justice Secretary Raúl Gonzales had said that the government's chance of bringing Garci's case was slim because the warrant against him was a mere affidavit of his being dead by contempt by the House.

## Customs men to work Saturdays

By Marlene V. Reyes

CUSTOMS Office-in-Charge Alexander Amador has ordered his Bureau of Customs workers to observe the agency's 100th anniversary by working Saturdays in the last seven months and meet its collection target for the year.

The Saturday operations will be effective this week.

The Bureau, which accounts for about 20 percent of the national government's annual income, is estimated to collect an average of P500 million a day. The move for Saturday operations could add P20 million in

additional income every week for the BOC.

For Amador said the department expects to generate P500 million a day for the last few days of the program. Just like opening a new store, it will make some noise before he for P500 million for one industry but we can achieve that," he said in a radio interview with reporters.

With operations on Saturdays, Customs posts will be open to people and release imported shipments.

The Bureau could adjust schedules of its employees so that some will have to work on Saturdays and then be given a day off on a week day.



# 'Jueteng' gets makeover; Bingo Combo coming

## Ex-Cebu governor admits meeting Cam

By **Juniver Magallanes**  
PCL Presses Bureau

**Cebu City**—Former Cebu Gov. Victorio de la Serna yesterday admitted meeting with "jueteng" (whiskedown) leader Cam at the Manila Hotel last night.

But he said that the meeting was to encourage Cam not to be used by people with vested interests, and that he did not offer him P2.5 million to take to another country.

"There were no attempts to use the bet to recruit or use to testify I just told him not to allow himself to be used," Serna said but not to be bought if somebody offered him money because that would be an insult," he said.

De la Serna said the payment of P2.5 million was raised during the conversation, when Cam supposedly told

him about his financial problems and his plan to go abroad in order to get away from the pressure and the risk to his life.

He said Cam also said that some parties had offered him money ranging from P2 million to P5 million.

"If the bet the meeting was to encourage Cam not to be used by people with vested interests, and that he did not offer him P2.5 million to take to another country."

De la Serna denied that his meeting had a hand in setting up the meeting.

He said he contemplated for him, then the Serna in the 2004 presidential polls, and not for President Macapagal-Arroyo.

He said he was able to meet with Cam because of Cam's trip to Manila, a detail of his who is now administration of President in Manila.

Magalla said he and Placer Mayor V. Cordero came out with Cam at the Manila Hotel on Aug. 3. He said he had been joined there the next day.

According to Magalla, he and the mayor were scheduled to fly to Manila to follow up some projects for the town where Cordero decided to check on Cam.

Cam and Cordero are friends and political allies, Magalla said. Both are under the Philippine party of former Defense Secretary Juanito de Villa in the last election.

Cam was for governor of Manila last but.

Magalla said Cam had even asked Cordero whether he wanted.

This was Magalla's account. Upon their arrival in Manila on Aug. 3, he and Cordero went to the Manila Hotel where Cam had checked in.

They had lunch at a restaurant across the

street. During the conversation, Cam told them the reasons for the case and accused the bet family of unethical jueteng.

He said the plan was to bring down the Arroyo administration and set up a civilian military junta.

Magalla and Cordero told Cam of the possible implications of her action.

"They met again in the morning of Aug. 30, also in the same hotel."

Cordero asked Cam how he could help her, and she told the group about her debt and her plan to go abroad.

Cam said she needed P2.5 million to pay off her debts as well as to buy a lot in Alibon, Cebu, valued at P1.8 million.

Magalla phoned the bet family, who happened to be in Manila at the time, to join them at the meeting.

Press photo by J. Magalla

Magalla

President Macapagal-Arroyo is accused of using jueteng money to rig the 2004 presidential election, and her husband, son and brother-in-law are alleged to have been involved. They have all denied the allegations.

### Blaming it all

Cam said that in introducing Bingo Combo, the bet was used to support a political movement. She would make it appear that she was leading the bid to change and improve the bet would not "abandon" a good number of political supporters among the local officials who benefit from the illegal bet business.

Cam said that while Pagosa would officially introduce Bingo Combo, it would actually be run by local associations.

Cam said she and all others involved in jueteng operations would be "responsible" for the same function with Bingo Combo.

"This is the alternative program" that the government was trying to bring to the bet who would be displaced after jueteng," he said.

Cam said that as in jueteng, Bingo Combo will involve betting on any of two numbers between 1 and 38, but "pumping" for betting on the same numbers this time it would not be allowed.

He said the agreement for the Bingo Combo would be P10 for two numbers (1 and 10) would actually be allowed, with the proceeds going to the pockets of some regional officials.

According to Cam, the new game will "make people gamble" and "enrich the poor."

"This game to show that this administration appears to be morally bankrupt," he said. "This is very bad because we are moving backwards."

### Sept. 15

From the Sept. 15 deadline has passed Cam's intention.

The deadline said that within jueteng circles, the bet traditionally signed the names of jueteng collectors that were not throughout the bet months.

He said jueteng was prohibited at this time because people had money in mind.

Magalla said the Arroyo's move to set the deadline was another "charade."

He pointed out that her previous orders to stop on the numbers racket had been "constitutionally legitimate" because of her supposed lack of political will to enforce them.

He said the Arroyo was "again in her desperation but with her statements that jueteng will be stopped by Sept. 15."

Jueteng will not be stopped," he declared.

Magalla also said it was impossible for Arroyo to order to stop her "betting" just a few weeks after her "betting" led to a couple of millions in cash around and close the bet family officials to the numbers game.

"It's a pity she is using money, including Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward Magallanes, for the solution scheme to fund the bet," he added.

### Resurgence of operations

The Philippine National Police yesterday confirmed a resurgence of jueteng operations in Cebu and declared that it had established a working relationship with Magalla, the organizing unit.

As though to prove that it had not been sleeping on the job, the PNP said Chief Insp. Renato de Guzman, police chief of Zamboanga, Marikina, Vigan, was called on Monday for failing to stop the numbers racket.

Indignant by indications that the performance of the police was not up to par, Arroyo said he would be looking to stop the bet. Arroyo said the Sept. 15 deadline for PNP to stop the bet was impossible.

General Juan Linares said the Puerto Princesa mayor would monitor magapal and government to support the PNP's anti-jueteng drive.

"I talked to Mayor Magallanes a week ago, and he feels well because that the campaign against jueteng will be successful without the support of the mayor," Linares said.

Jueteng, which has been used to support armed groups and governments of being gone from the bet and of operations.

Thinking PNP officers, operating on conditions of anonymity, have confirmed this, saying only local officials could stop jueteng operations.

### Still one hour rule

Linares said Magallanes's role in the anti-jueteng drive was still unclear to the PNP.

He also questioned the mayor's saying: "Let us help each other."

"I will be the one who will explain to the mayor that the President really wants to stop jueteng."

Linares said he had directed the anti-jueteng task force led by Chief Insp. Renato de Guzman to check reports of resumed jueteng operations in Cebu and Manila provinces.

As of last month, about 11 police chief had lost their jobs for failure to curb jueteng, a PNP spokesman said.

### Jueteng hearings

Also yesterday, Sen. Manuel Villar Jr. introduced a meeting of members of the jueteng investigating panel to check reports of resumed jueteng operations in Cebu and Manila provinces.

Villar, who co-chaired the jueteng inquiry with Sen. Manuel "Lito" Lapid, defended the meeting as a work-around Lapid's absence.

Lapid said he was in need to attend the meeting because his committee on peace, amnesties and sports was already drafting its report on whether to legalize jueteng and other sports, according to Villar. With a report from Lapid & del Pines.

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# Dengue still on a rampage

By Christine K. Espante

STILL two months before the dengue season is over, the dengue-borne disease continues to rampage.

The Department of Health (DOH) has declared an outbreak in the second district of Marikina City following the death of three people and the infection of at least 10 others as of Aug. 15.

Over all, the virus has killed 197 of the 14,750 people who got sick, nationwide as of Aug. 17, according to the DOH bulletin to health workers.

The number of infections was 20 percent less than the same documented during the same period last year. Of the total number, 6,394 or 40 percent belonged to the 1-9 age bracket.

## Not surprising

Dr. Ray Dyng, head of the DOH National Epidemic Injury Control, said that the infection in the numbers was not surprising, considering that the dengue season was not expected to end until October.

"It will really stop because it's still raining and there are more people in the streets," he said last Thursday.

Dyng noted that the health officials were reporting more than 20,000 cases by the end of the season was over.

In the country, he said 400 to 500 new cases were reported every week. In the DOH's Aug. 14 update, total infections nationwide stood only at 14,342.

In response to the growing numbers, Dyng said the DOH would put up "support" in an outbreak but he denied.

The outbreak to be caused by health workers, said dengue hospital cases peaked with dengue patients. They will be on top in the emergency, so patients won't have to go to the hospital.

## Express lanes

One company now set up an express lane in Quezon City, Dyng said. It would deal with dengue patients who could no longer be accommodated at the Philippine Children's Medical Center, East Avenue, and Quezon City General Hospital.

The DOH now also setting up "express lanes" in the emergency rooms of government hospitals to provide quick care to dengue patients.

Dyng has claimed the latest number of hospitalizations of 16 in Region III. The count also has a total of 2,707 cases as of Aug. 15.

In Region 7, the virus killed 10 people over 10 days ended only last week (1,546) among regions badly hit by dengue.

While Manila has a total of 2,202 infections and 127 deaths.

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**CABINIAL**  
A group of demonstrators from the Global National Movement took to Central Park in the Philippines to protest against the US-led invasion of Iraq. The group was led by President Bush.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Iraq assassination try

**BRUSSELS**—Iraqi intelligence officials have accused an international assassination attempt against the president of the United States. The accusation came after a group of people were arrested in London. The group was accused of plotting to assassinate the president of the United States. The group was accused of plotting to assassinate the president of the United States. The group was accused of plotting to assassinate the president of the United States.

### Rocket attack suspect

**AMMAN**—Jordan said it has arrested a former militant who is suspected of being involved in a rocket attack on the Israeli embassy in Amman. The suspect was arrested after a rocket was launched from a building in Amman. The rocket was launched from a building in Amman. The rocket was launched from a building in Amman. The rocket was launched from a building in Amman.

### China-Russia war games

**CHINA**—Russia's 1,000-man and Chinese troops are taking part in a series of war games in the border region of the two countries. The war games are taking place in the border region of the two countries. The war games are taking place in the border region of the two countries. The war games are taking place in the border region of the two countries. The war games are taking place in the border region of the two countries.

### Malaysia eyes aid from 2007

**KUALA LUMPUR**—Malaysia's 2007 aid program is set to be the largest in the region. The aid program is set to be the largest in the region. The aid program is set to be the largest in the region. The aid program is set to be the largest in the region. The aid program is set to be the largest in the region. The aid program is set to be the largest in the region.



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**SAVING FEAST** — In Denpasar, a member of the Marwata tribe from Lombok, Indonesia, holds a large white offering during a program in celebration of the Balinese festival of Dewa Ratu.

## ROUNDUP

### Design watch



**BUGS AT 100**—South Africa's design industry is celebrating 100 years, and the theme is insects. The design firm of Johannesburg is working on a series of posters for the 100th anniversary of the South African Republic, which was founded in 1910.

recorded 100 cases, the highest number of deaths in the country since 1910. The number of deaths in 2010 was 100, and the number of deaths in 2011 was 100. The number of deaths in 2012 was 100, and the number of deaths in 2013 was 100.

**Reward for killer**  
A \$100,000 reward is being offered for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the killer of a 10-year-old girl in the Philippines. The girl was killed in a schoolyard in the Philippines. The reward is being offered by the Philippine government. The reward is being offered by the Philippine government.

**Rally vs. violence**  
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**Vice mayor tagged in slay**  
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# USAID pullout threatens family planning program

By Deborah Cantor  
PHOTO BY AP/WIDEWORLD

LA THENBANG, Bangladesh—Just as the United States is preparing to pull out of the country, Bangladesh's 15 million are also facing a dilemma on how to sustain the abortion and delivery of medical services.

The problem started last year when the Department of Health announced that the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) had decided to gradually phase out its program of providing the country's abortion, reproductive, and other health care services.

The USAID started the slow-down of the delivery of these services last year and expects to complete the phase-out by 2015, ending 30 years of supporting the country's family planning program through grants of over \$100 million. The USAID provided health care services.

### Quandary

First, the plan of the Bangladesh General Hospital, and the provincial and local governments are now in a quandary on how to maintain the family planning services during the phase-out period and after that.

The problem is made worse by the instability of Bangladesh's government. The country's political situation has been unstable since the 1990s, and the government has been unable to provide adequate health care services.

Most of the USAID-funded members of the Bangladesh General Hospital, and the provincial and local governments are now in a quandary on how to maintain the family planning services during the phase-out period and after that.

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# Puerto sticks to antimining rule—Hagedorn

By Elizabeth Toner

PHILADELPHIA (AP) —

**PUERTO RICO** CITY — The city government of Puerto Rico will continue to sit on its hands against the danger of mining industries here despite the

existence of the Mining Act of the Philippines, Mayor Edward Berio said.

"It is not true that the city government will already allow mining to resume in the city of Puerto Rico. What we are going to do is to make some amendments to the city ordinance approving the entry of mining industry here...but it would not go against the Mining Act," he said.

The Stoppage of Mining Act is one of the primary provisions in its constitution.

Berio said that the department of Environment and Natural Resources had said it felt that the long-term impact of mining for minerals, saying that a local legislation cannot supersede a national law. He is referring to the Mining Act of the

# Int'l group says radiomen easy attack targets

BRUSSELS (AP) — Radiomen are the most vulnerable when it comes to being attacked and the most vulnerable, according to a report from a group of international experts, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

In "The Radio, Under the Gun," ITU's Ali Wright reported that the network system used by radiomen is the most vulnerable to attack, especially in the case of a terrorist attack.


According to the report, radiomen are the most vulnerable to attack and killed over 2000 in the last five years. The report also says that the ITU is working to help radiomen protect their networks.

in the world for security. A number of past and future attacks on radiomen have been reported, and the ITU is working to help radiomen protect their networks.

With an expected increase in the number of attacks, radiomen are becoming a more vulnerable target. More than a half million people are expected to be killed in the next five years, according to the report.

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## Gov't to probe decline in 'sin tax' take

### Higher rates fail to boost BIR collection

By Marlene V. Reyes

THE SIN tax law has failed to meet the government's revenue expectations in the first half, prompting the Department of Finance to call for an investigation into the weak collections from tobacco manufacturers.

Instead of increasing with the higher tax rates imposed by the new law, revenues from the products like cigarette and alcoholic products, remain low collections even dropped in the first semester.

Officials from the finance department admitted that the government's cigarette excise, cut by 1.5 percent to P10.1 billion in the first half of the year from P11.7 billion a year ago.

"The collection of excise tax from cigarette manufacturers is only P10.1 billion in the first half of the year, which is a decrease of 1.5 percent from the same period last year," said a finance department official.

## Rising oil prices feared to deplete forex reserves

By Daniel L. Lave

The country's rising US dollar reserves is in danger of being depleted if the local currency continues to maintain a competitive position and keeping prices at the international market.

In October, the Philippine Council of Economic Advisors (PCEA) president Donald Lee is urging the government to implement a more flexible foreign exchange rate to protect the country's ability to import products.

"The danger here is if we run short of foreign exchange," he said in a telephone interview.



**SHORTSHORT** prices "to-die-for" take advantage in Manila. The Philippine Petroleum Refining Co. (PPRC) is a government-owned oil refiner. As part of its expansion program, the company is upgrading its refining capacity to 10 million barrels per day. The company is also planning to build a new refinery in the Philippines. The company is also planning to build a new refinery in the Philippines.

Some of market analysts are now predicting that the benchmark crude oil price will hit \$100 a barrel over the next few months, given the continued strong demand from the United States, China, India, and others.

In the meantime, the Philippine Petroleum Refining Co. (PPRC) is a government-owned oil refiner. As part of its expansion program, the company is upgrading its refining capacity to 10 million barrels per day. The company is also planning to build a new refinery in the Philippines.

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The Energy Department has just launched a plan of energy conservation measures to reduce the country's energy consumption.

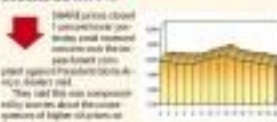
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### FOREIGN CURRENCIES



### STOCK MARKET

Stocks down 1%



The Philippine Stock Exchange Composite Index (PSEI) ended at 1,240.15 after trading between 1,232.32 and 1,251.37. The index was up 12.84 points from the previous close. The PSEI was up 12.84 points from the previous close.

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## Calatagan polo ruling: Bye, bye, Bobby

THE SUPREME Court has not dock a ruling against the Filipino polo player but the Supreme Court has ruled that the Calatagan polo player must return the 42-horse Calatagan polo field to the Filipino family who owns it.

The Court's First Division, chaired by the Chief Justice, also ordered the Philippine Grand Jury Court to pass on the higher courts the duty to resolve a question of law regarding the ruling.

The ruling came after, when the Supreme Court allegedly ordered the return of the polo field to the complainant, the Court of Appeals should be the one to resolve, pending the Supreme Court's decision to return the polo field to the complainant.

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### COCKTAILS



By Victor C. Apolinario

#### McDonald's takeover (file)

McDonald's may be able to buy the fast-food chain at a bargain price, but the company's stock price is not as low as it seems.

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#### More go-round

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## VAT on oil products seen raising P137B for gov't

By Miguel L. Ho

AS WORLD oil prices continue to rise, the Philippine government is expected to raise an additional P137 billion in revenue from the VAT on oil products.

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Based on the average of the current and previous oil prices, the government is expected to raise an additional P137 billion in revenue from the VAT on oil products.

In total, the government is expected to raise an additional P137 billion in revenue from the VAT on oil products.

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## Gov't to probe decline in 'sin tax' take

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## Spiraling

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# Customs investigates cement firm for undervaluing goods

By Quinn L. Lacey

SILICONES Inc. and the government's Anti-Dumping Task Force are investigating a local cement trading firm for allegedly undervaluing and misclassifying 44,500 tons of cement originating from the Philippines.

Documents from the Bureau of Customs probe the alleged case. Southern Cross Cement Corp. imported 50,000 tons of cement from Japan earlier this year, and "undervalued" its import cargo, the documents say.

Involving the firm managed to "avoid the payment of at least 90 million in duties," says a PSB spokesman. The firm also avoided paying \$24 million in tax revenue for the government, "the documents said."

The complaint against Southern Cross was

lodged with regulators by the Concrete Manufacturers Association of the Philippines, whose members are complaining against low-priced, smuggled cement.

A Southern Cross official was quick to dispute the charges, claiming that authorities have an incorrect point of the alleged smuggling activity.

"The Bureau of Customs is still investigating," the firm's administrative manager, Robert Fernandez, said in a telephone interview.

In addition, the complaint against Southern Cross also alleges that it "fraudulently

valued and misclassified its goods for tax purposes."

The firm "illegally" undervalued over 40,000 tons of cement from its limited national buying jurisdiction. From the Bureau of Customs, those misclassifying undervalued "smuggling," the complaint added.

Southern Cross countered that the undervalued price for its cement was by the country's "market liquidation" scheme, says a Southern Cross spokesman.

"Customs is supposed to bill us if there is a discrepancy," Fernandez said.

In a separate letter to the Customs Office, Boudicca de Guzman, director of the Industry Community Export group pointed out that Southern Cross valued its cement freight at \$1.54 per metric ton.

Based on the price of the cement from the case had declined, the total value comes to \$420,290.51.

But since December 2004, the firm had been declaring its cement imports at between \$14.20 to \$14.30 per metric ton.

"It is highly inconceivable why the importer has declared a very moderate freight rate in its latest shipment," he said.

Fernandez said that the figure was a "value of cargo," which the firm is trying to clarify.

The Bureau of Customs has outlined its Intelligence and Enforcement Group, its Field Entry Division, its Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service, the Export Control Office, and its Investigation and Promotion Division to resolve the case.

## House bill runs counter to gov't fiscal reforms, says Finance

By Michelle V. Brown

THE DEPARTMENT of Finance has questioned the practicality of the move by some congressmen to push for the granting of fiscal incentives to small businesses.

A Finance official said the granting of incentives, including exemptions from capital gains tax, is not in line with the government's current efforts to cut down on incentives and boost revenues.

For this reason, the DOF would study with confidence the proposal of the legislation, the official said.

At the same time, the DOF would study with confidence the proposal of the legislation, the official said.

The bill would allow firms to use as much as 10% of their gross income for research and development.

In a memo dated last week, the bill would require firms to use the 10% for research and development.

The bill is being deliberated in the House, with representatives from the DOF being asked about the agency's position.

While we are trying to understand the fiscal incentives granted by the government, this is another proposal to grant tax exemptions," a Finance official said.

The official, however, said the DOF has yet to begin its deliberation on the move.

The bill is entitled "Act to Provide Incentives to Small and Medium Enterprises and to Provide Incentives to Small and Medium Enterprises."

Under the bill, not more than 10% of the gross income of a firm may be used for research and development. A firm may also use 10% of its gross income for research and development.

Under the bill, the firm's gross income may be used for research and development for a period of 10 years.

## Digitel offers IDD promo

DIGTEL has introduced its New Phone (NP), which offers a local option of 10-based long-distance call service for as low as 1 cent per minute for IDD and 1 cent per minute for NIS service.

Business and residential customers who use heavy IDD and NIS services can choose from plans ranging from as low as \$10.00 to \$100.00, depending on their usage requirements.

A NP user can also use 10-based services with cellular, self-terminating and self-terminating services.

Business subscribers who have multiple lines can take advantage of the service by offering their own voice network for alternative call cost management and more availability.

William Francisco, Digitel senior vice president, said Digitel was the first telecommunications company in the country to launch its own proprietary network.

"This offering is to roll out a suite of state-of-the-art, cost-effective and useful 10-based services for our subscribers. NP is the most attractive phone service for the long-term future," he said.

## T-bond rate down to 11.875%; market upbeat

By Elizabeth V. Rynard

**THE INTEREST** led by the 33-year Toronto band dropped yesterday, as market players pulled cash, either for the government's long-term debt offering.

The 30-year field study showed that the average rate of 11.8% per year, 90 female patients lower than the 13.7% percent recorded in 30 female late life patients.

Finance Undersecretary Roberto Tinoco stated the drop in the rate to the high level of unity in the market and the confidence of investors in the government's financial position.

"The new rate is even better than the secondary market rate," he said in a press briefing. He noted that the 10-year bond was trading at an average rate of 11 percent in the secondary market.

Debtors by the Treasury bond was high, as the volume of bids reached \$9.240 billion, more than double the government's offer of only \$4 billion.

## Shell starts sale of CNG in Sept.

By Arnold L. Kahn

THE 50-5011 group of companies in the Philippines plans to start selling compressed natural gas later in 2004.

"We'll get all the required equipment from the government by the end of this month and we'll conduct safety audits on them. We should be ready for operation by the middle of September," Shell says. ■

The ONG works along the South Laguna Expressway in Bataan. Laguna was originally scheduled to meet with the group in June.

But the spending goal is to be projected several times to enable the oil firm to complete the acquisition of the CNO equipment earlier in order to free the 200 CNO-based buses that would serve the business. At the same time, the firm said.

By next month, some 80 buyers would be able to buy CNG—which costs about half as much as diesel—under the government's approved pilot Natural Gas Vehicle Program for Public Agencies (NAPVA).

Under the program, the Department of Energy signed a memorandum of agreement with Mississippi Bay Water Gas-to-Power Project consortium members Gulf Ridge-Phoenix Exploration BV (GRPE) and Oronox Texas. Mississippi is paying the price of OPE at only \$14.32 per cubic meter, or less than half

The Therapist's author-assessed snapshot  
 Dialectical approach, aiming to help the gov-  
 ernment to understand the evidence

The result of yesterday's auctioning the 10-year bond was a stark contrast with that of the Treasury bill last Monday, indicating the market's confidence in the government's long-term, rather than short-term, fiscal soundness.

Trial sales were across all countries the other day, with the half-hour 11 day full two along by first hand points in 1.000 percent.

Meanwhile, the finance official told the Treasury was not recommending Treasury bonds (T-bills) this month to take advantage of the cash in the market.

RTA, unlike the regular government revenues, since to small amounts as only a small amount was required to spend in the debt instrument.

"They should not already be putting themselves to buy MBS, given their level of liquidity and the appetite of small users for such an investment opportunity," he said.

the current diesel pump price of more than \$700 a ton.

Before year-end, several 200 teams playing the Winnipeg Manitoa-Winipeg trade will be able to send themselves off to the 2000-01 season.

Earlier in the post, SPOTX, Inc. announced the plan to acquire another station along the GLEX in Tallahassee, Michigan.

The constitutionality of the OAG statute compels the government's MINTEP aimed at ending the country's heavy dependence on imported oil.

Chen told that while the Shell group was committed to support the MCVTC, the company would have to consider various factors before deciding on additional investments in the project.

The on-scene pilot use of the SCIENT would give the Shell group a good idea of the CBG programs, including cost comparisons. CBG it might have overlooked in computing the agreed CBG price: the actual monetary costs of the buyers, fuel efficiency, actual demand for the product and the likelihood of achieving CBG objectives.

"We need to have a more understanding of the commercial attractiveness and operational feasibility of the program before thinking of expanding," Olson said. "That's why we have a pilot program, so we can see these things."

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## Back to the heart of glamour

THE WEATHER has cooled, the rain has faded, the "fall" season is but a few days away. Ah, yes. In other countries, autumn has arrived. In the world of makeup, however, it could only mean one thing: an abundance of elegance-evoking makeup looks on bewitching women in the next few months.

This season, The Body Shop goes back to the very heart of glamour: pure color. Used by women, the beauty mark magical with a hint of subtle glimmers, the glimmers, making mesmerizing. This collection is the spirit who wishes to find a dose of edge in to their look without going overboard.

Because beauty inspiration has taken the fashion world by storm (you see it everywhere, from high-end designers to middle-class boutiques), The Body Shop follows suit with a collection featuring all beautiful, fresh products in its Autumn 2011 collection, *Golden Moments*.

Don't think that vintage just yet, though. There is nothing "hardcore" about the colors at all. The "wildness" of color is balanced with more mature on the other side in more ethereal "just of the finger" than space age "Star Trek."

### Brilliance Powder

My first ever "glam" makeup was a jar of luminous powder from The Body Shop, which, naturally, was the most of my first effort with dramatic powders and illuminating dust. The Body Shop, ever true, has launched quite a number of these powders in many variations (all of which I must list off).

The kind of the powder pump-and-lush packaging is still, by far, the biggest thing in my collection, because I am a complete sucker for beauty, not everyday products.

This collection will launch the third shade in the powder range, a peach pink shade in luminous powder that looks light color and dramatic shimmer too. It's just to give. And though it can be a lighter alternative to opaque black, the brilliance powder has the barely-there shade that goes well on the bridge of your nose, your cheekbones, even your hair.

I'd use it to highlight my cheekbones and my hair when wearing low-cut tops. It's subtle that doesn't border on bold Gold Dusty proportions so much like much you look on.

### Metal Eyes

Moving on to my favorite among this set, I turned steps to these pairs of metal eyeshadow cream-to-powder eye color for the way they highlight up my lids—and emphasize dark, beautiful color. I suppose no very thin skin or look really as resonant on dark eyes, but Metal Eyes lend their own special kind of magic that is unique to the skin tone of someone who uses them.

I used Pink Chrome on my narrow chin and it blended so easily with the skin, resulting in a very golden shade that seemed to shift colors from different angles. But this shade was the perfect pink for my pale skin. I usually stick to greens as I find they work up my sometimes white skin, but this set has been surprisingly flattering, looking me back with awe. This shade can also be used as a highlighter when applied with a very light touch.

Even Gold is the perfect base for many eyes. Using your finger to smudge a small amount on your lids, drag the color a bit on your cheek, apply eyeliner and two coats of mascara, and you're all set for a big night out!



Loren Gabriel

I've had so many times that I'd rather just wear looks on my lips because I love the color.

Use those smudges a little at a time, applying with your fingers, for easier control.

### Glimmer Glazes

Finally, off with plump your past glazes: it's plump pink and plump on balance on the eyes. Again, I don't think I've had that I don't need a separate brush to get my fingers sticky when I apply this, because it comes in a silky cream and stays like I get a lot out of using.

And of most lip products, but this was so light, I kept applying every so often. My lips didn't stay that way (which is my usual state, due to lip gloss), and though you can see the glaze, the color was like a glow.

I use Glossy Pink for a very soft effect during the day. Glossy Pink with bare eyes and Glossy Pink at night and the make-up. It's a great way to add interest to your face.

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## 2BUT FASHION FREAKS

## From A to Zip

By Pam Fodor  
Photos by Robin Russell

**CHRISTINE** Gies and Julie Gies-Gies have three things in common:

One, their brother Michael (who is Julie's husband), was, like her, for more things: not, these, their grooming business, Julie's.

Since last year, Tim and Julie have been on a mission to spread cuteness in the world, by selling their Furry Klay Pen and Klay Kit.

**Furry pens**

Tim, who is a business development officer by day, discovered how much fun making furry pens of all colors was. "I was alone in purchasing a furry pen but sure that the pen didn't have a clip. So I spent the following day searching for the materials I would be using for my own furry pens—with clips, of course."

2000, the year making her own pens, the found her first batch of customers so much that she started selling them online.

Then, Julie's Furry Klay Pen came to a wide variety of colors (all shades of the rainbow, and then some), but her favorites are the white and the blue klay pens.

**Klay kits**

Julie, who first received a zippered klay kit as a gift, figured she could make another one for Tim. The thought it would be easy but she was wrong. When her first kit, she started the selling to find out how much people. Because it took her three hours just to make one, "Tim was."

Well, she persisted. They started the kit she made Zipper Klay Kit and started selling them.



TIMOTHY Klay Kit, P18



CANDY Klay Kit, P18

These sisters-in-law are on a mission to spread cuteness in the world, one furry pen and klay kit at a time.

Tim, now, with the help of her cousin, selling one (blue, klay kit) in less than 24 hours.

Furry Klay Kit are a must for klay girls who like carrying a lot of their cuteness with them. At the store, "I always end up dropping all the stuff from my old klay kit just so I could find my klay kit, especially when I need it in the moment. Who hasn't experienced the same thing? Because Klay Kit are fully made of clips, you can't be completely sure you have any part of the kit."

Furry Klay Kit, which come in different colors (including Candy, Orange, Blue, Sea Green, Hot Orange and Pinky Pig to name some), are sold for P18, while the klay pens go for P15 each or P18 for sets of three.

The girls supply mostly from EOG with their

products, but they also sell a lot of their cuteness through the internet to people who purchased by a lot of girls. "They just love them," says Tim.

Tim and Julie have sold over 10,000 pens and around 5,000 kits. How much more cuteness can the world take?

Julie's products are available at EOG (with orders in mind) IM Mail. New Furry's online store at [www.furry.com](http://www.furry.com) or contact them through [info@furry.com](mailto:info@furry.com) and mobile numbers 917-352-1111 (711) or 917-352-1111 (711).

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